

b) Amendments to the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 1-22, 42 and 43 without prejudice or disclaimer. A detailed listing of all the claims that are or were in the application is hereafter provided.

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Amended) A mesostructured thin film having an uniaxially oriented rod-shaped pore structure formed on a polymer compound, the polymer compound containing a sequence of two or more adjacent methylene groups in a molecular structure of the repeating unit of the polymer compound, wherein the surface of the polymer compound is uniaxially oriented.

24. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the polymer compound is a surface of a Langmuir-Blodgett film of the polymer compound.

Claims 25 and 26 (Cancelled)

27. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the mesostructured thin film contains silicon.

28. (Original) The mesostructured thin film according to claim 23, wherein the mesostructured thin film contains silica.